

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION, :  
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Plaintiff, :  
: 18-CV-00361 (JBW)  
v. :  
: April 12, 2018  
PATRICK MCDONNELL, et al., :  
: Brooklyn, New York  
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Defendants. :  
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TRANSCRIPT OF CIVIL CAUSE FOR TELEPHONE CONFERENCE  
BEFORE THE HONORABLE ROANNE L. MANN  
UNITED STATES CHIEF MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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1 the right Slack social media group. To --

2 MR. McDONNELL: I can just give him the Slack URL.  
3 That's the identity right there,  
4 bitcoinxbttradegroup.Slack.com. That's the identifier to the  
5 account. You don't need an email to identify a Slack-based  
6 identifier. That's why it's a URL.

7 MR. TOMER: Your Honor, though, they won't agree to  
8 the consent without actually having the linked email address.  
9 So, for example, Mr. McDonnell had said he doesn't even know  
10 if he's a subscriber for this. So if they -- if Slack looks  
11 and says, oh, that bitcoinxbttradegroup team URL is not  
12 associated with either [coindropmarkets@gmail.com](mailto:coindropmarkets@gmail.com) or [cdm@gmx.us](mailto:cdm@gmx.us)  
13 they won't produce it to us. Or they'll -- or they'll --

14 THE COURT: Well, what if -- what if you simply  
15 reworded the authorization to give the Slack URL and to say  
16 which is associated with and then you can put down the email  
17 accounts so you're not saying and any and all other accounts  
18 associated with those email accounts. If you --

19 MR. TOMER: Your Honor --

20 THE COURT: If you have the URL and it's just an  
21 identifier why can't it explicitly be made an identifier as  
22 opposed to a term of expansion?

23 MR. TOMER: Your Honor, we have no problem with that  
24 change and would have been happy to make that change upon  
25 discussion with Patrick McDonnell. But that sort of brings us